

**City of Hazel Park
City Council Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a City of Hazel Park Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 via *Zoom* video/telephone conferencing. Mayor Webb called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Webb, Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux, Councilmember Sullivan, Councilmember McFall, Councilmember Londo

Absent: None

Also present: City Manager Klobucher, City Attorney Schwartz, Deputy City Attorney Campbell, Assistant City Attorney Mason

Councilmember Sullivan was attending remotely from Hazel Park, Oakland County, MI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CO-02-028-21 Motion to approve Agenda Items: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Londo advised that the 43rd District Court will be offering “ticket amnesty” from March 1st through April 9th, meaning that bench warrant and late fee charges can be waived on traffic, parking, and civil infraction tickets.

City Manager Klobucher advised that on Saturday, February 27th, at 1:00 p.m., Green Acres Park will host a “nature discovery” event courtesy of the Hazel Park Recreation Dept. and Oakland County Parks & Recreation.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jesse Robertson spoke regarding the Historical Commission’s 80th anniversary of Hazel Park committee, as well as the Historical Commission Bylaws.

Lisa Chrouch-Johnson spoke regarding the Business License revocation appeal appearing later on the Agenda.

City Manager Klobucher spoke regarding the South Oakland Area Regional (SOAR) Chamber of Commerce.

Joy Wells also spoke on behalf of the SOAR Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember McFall spoke regarding Ms. Wells and her organization.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes 2/9/2021
2. Hazel Park Historical Commission Minutes 1/21/2021 (Informational)
3. Pending Business Licenses (Informational)
4. Invoice Approval List
5. Approve Upgrade of HPPD Officer Sidearms
6. Approve Installation of Glass Block Windows at DPW Building

CO-02-029-21 Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-6: Motion by Londo, second by LeCureaux, to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Public Hearing & Res. #02-008-21: Approval of PY 2021 Annual CDBG Application

A Public Hearing was opened at 6:13. With no one wishing to speak, it was closed at 6:14.

CO-02-030-21 Motion to approve Resolution approving obligation of PY 2021 Community Development Block Grant funds as recommended: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to approve Res. #02-008-21 and the proposed usage of CDBG funds. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discuss Traffic Control Order #515 Section X: Prohibition of left turns from Couzens Ave. into Tri-County Commerce Center

CO-02-031-21 Motion to modify TCO #515 & conditionally remove "no left turn" order from Couzens to Building #2 at Tri-County Commerce Center, with caveat that Administration has latitude to immediately reinstate "no left turn" signs at Building #2 if problem reemerges: Motion by Londo, second by McFall, to revise TCO #515, Sec. X, as stated, following discussion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Annual Appointments to Board of Review

CO-02-032-21 Motion to appoint Gary Harrison, Mike Mazzuckelli & Ron Nagy to the Board of Review: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to appoint Gary Harrison, Mike Mazzuckelli and Ron Nagy to the Board of Review. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Klobucher requested the appointment of Mike McFall to Youth Assistance.

CO-02-033-21 Motion to appoint Mike McFall to Youth Assistance: Motion by LeCureaux, second by Sullivan, to appoint Mike McFall to Hazel Park Youth Assistance. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Business License Revocation Appeal for 21502 John R Rd. – Ivy Room, LLC

A public comment period was opened, during which resident Lisa Chrouch-Johnson spoke regarding the business in question.

Attorney Fallon Moore spoke on behalf of the appellant.

CO-02-034-21 Motion to uphold revocation of Business License at 21502 John R Rd., Ivy Room, LLC: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to uphold the revocation of the Business License for the Ivy Room, LLC at 21502 John R Rd., following discussion. The results of a roll call vote on the motion were as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux, Councilmember McFall, Councilmember Londo, Councilmember Sullivan, Mayor Webb

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Water Dept. Superintendent Tim Young advised that information is available online concerning how to direct thawing snowmelt away from one's house.

Planning & Economic Development Director Campbell thanked Council for their approval of the CDBG Application.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Klobucher extended sympathies to the family of distinguished former City Clerk Ruth Lindsey, who recently passed away. Additionally, while the City of Hazel Park is hopeful for Federal and/or State assistance amidst the financial challenges of COVID-19, external assistance is never guaranteed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilmember Sullivan congratulated new Planning Commissioner Kevin Kresch on his recent swearing-in and thanked Assistant City Attorney Mason for her work on the Historical Commission Bylaws. Additionally, she thanked Joy Wells and Mike McFall for developing the SOAR Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Londo thanked those who worked on the recent Snow Emergency. He recognized LDS missionaries and HPPD Officers Perkins and Toro for shoveling snow from residents' driveways. City Manager Klobucher praised the DPW for having Hazel Park plowed before any other municipality in southeast Oakland County.

Councilmember McFall thanked the DPW and Water Dept. for their recent work in inclement weather. Additionally, the State of Michigan has extended the 25% restriction on in-person dining at restaurants through the end of March, so residents were encouraged to support local businesses.

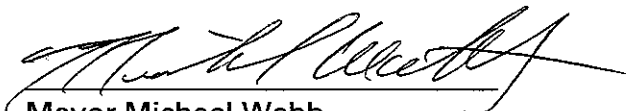
Mayor Pro Tem LeCureaux advised that Business License revocations are not taken lightly, done often, or desirable for anyone involved. It is a last resort when all other measures have failed to obtain compliance and issues are continually presenting themselves. He sympathized with residents who have dealt with the loud music at late hours from the business in question.

Mayor Webb thanked the DPW and Water Dept. for doing a great job in the face of harsh winter conditions. The business whose license was revoked was given many opportunities but was not willing to work through the situation. A certain amount of courtesy and respect is expected of one's neighbors, which is a necessary and important standard. He also thanked Chief Buchholz for his work. City Manager Klobucher added that the Shevlin Ave. and Highland Ave. bridges across I-75 will be coming down at the weekend, with southbound Chrysler Dr. to be temporarily closed as well. Businesses located along the service drive in question will remain accessible. Pastor Stanley Scott raised the question of whether access to his church would be affected by the I-75 construction, though it was not expected to be significantly impacted.

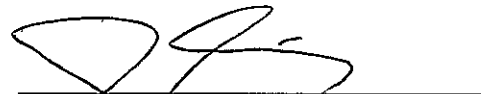
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – 6:49 p.m.

CO-02-035-21 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by LeCureaux, second by McFall, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor Michael Webb



James Fickley, City Clerk

(The preceding minutes are a synopsis of the City Council Meeting and do not represent a verbatim record).